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SUBJECT: GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE: REPLY FROM ASSISTANT
SECRETARY ROGERS TO AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN FROM ROGERS

1. DECEMBER 20 AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA SENT ME A
TELEGRAM REQUESTING THEDEPARTMENT TO INTERCEDE WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE TO RELEASE
APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PERMIT THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF
THE GORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PASS THE TEXT OF
THEFOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO AMB. GONZALEZ REVILLA:

BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I HAVE RECEIVED
YOUR TELEGRAM EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE FINANCIAL SITU-
ATION OF THEGORGAS MEMORIAL INSTITUTE AND REQUESTING
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ASSISTANCE IN HAVING THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND WELFARE FREE THE
APPROPRIATED FUNDS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INSTITUTE TO
CONTINUE ITS WORK.

QUOTE: I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE IS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM AND THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING
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TO ASCERTAIN HOW WE CAN BEST BE OF HELP TO THE INSTITUTE.

QUOTE: LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH YOU AND
YOUR FAMILY A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GOOD NEW YEAR.
SINCERELY, BILL ROGERS. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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